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SUBJECT: LORENZ INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

REFS: A) USBERLIN 584; B) USBERLIN A-39

1. INVESTIGATION OF LORENZ KIDNAPPING CONTINUES WITH NO DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH BUT SOME SUCCESS IN PUTTING TOGETHER A FEW PIECES OF A COMPLICATED PUZZLE. POLICE NOW BELIEVE THEY KNOW SOME OF KIDNAPPERS AND HELPERS BUT DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR CONVICTIONS. POLICE HOPE THEY CAN WITHSTAND POLITICAL PRESSURE TO MAKE DOUBTFUL ARRESTS OF FEW INDIVIDUALS ON FRINGE, STEP WHICH WOULD ONLY SCARE MAJOR CRIMINALS DEEPER INTO HIDING. INFO BELOW WAS PROVIDED MISSION IN CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD BE PRTECTED.

2. POLICE HAVE EVIDENCE WHICH HAS CONVICTED THEM JUNE 2 TERRORISTS ANDREAS VOGEL, WERNER SAUBER AND PROBABLY RALF REINDERS WERE AMONG KIDNAPPERS. ANGELA LUTHER OR SOMEONE WHO LOOKS MUCH LIKE HER WAS ALSO IN GROUP. INVESTIGATION FOCUSSES ON THESE
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INDIVIDUALS, THEIR KNOWN ASSOCIATES AND HANGOUTS, AND

THREE OTHER LEADS:

A. A GARAGE USED IN THE KIDNAPPING AND CONNECTED TO REINDER'S BROTHER HAS BEEN LOCATED AND PUT UNDER 24-HOUR SUVEILLANCE;

B. A CAR WITH IMPROPER LICENSE PLATES WHICH FITS DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE MENTIONED IN MANY TIPS FROM PUBLIC HAS BEEN LOCATED AND IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE; AND

C. A FEMALE ANESTHESIOLOGIST AND KNOWN RADICAL, WHO FITS LORENZ'S DESCRIPTION OF WOMAN WHO GAVE HIM SHOT, HAS BEEN LOCATED WORKING IN A WEST BERLIN HOSPITAL AND IS UNDER OBSERVATION.

3. POLICE BELIEVE ALL KIDNAPPERS STILL IN BERLIN EXCEPT PERHAPS VOGEL, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN BASED IN HAMBURG, AND THEY DISCOUNT FREQUENT STORIES OF ANARCHISTS HIDING IN SWEDEN OR ELSEWHERE. SPOT CHECKS OF PRIVATE VEHICLES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONTINUE AND POLICE HAVE SEARCHED BUILDINGS AS INDICATED BY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, MAINLY GLEANINGS FROM THOUSANDS OF TIPS FROM PUBLIC. AS PART OF FRG NATIONAL SEARCH DAY (BUNDESFAHNDUNGSTAG) APRIL 14, POL AGAIN MANNED ROADBLOCKS AND CHECKED PERSONS AND VEHICLES DEPARTING WESTERN SECTORS; THEY MADE SEVERAL ARRESTS, BUT NONE CONNECTED TO ANARCHISTS.

4. SUPPOSITION THAT KIDNAPPERS STILL IN BERLIN FURTHER SUPPORTED BY DISTRIBUTION DURING PAST WEEK OF "WANTED POSTER" CARRYING PICTURES OF PROMINENT POLITICAL AND POLICE OFFICIALS. POSTER WAS CLEARLY MODELED AFTER OFFICIAL POLICE POSTER WITH PICTURES OF EIGHT JUNE 2 MEMBERS AND WAS DISTRIBUTED IN SAME WAS AS PAMPHLET REPRODUCED REF B. (COPIES POUNCHED EUR/CE, S/CCT AND BONN.)

5. POLICE HAVE NOT YET BEGUN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ANY OFFICERS INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSIAL SEARCHES (REF A). THEY ARE REPORTEDLY PREPARING CONFIDENTIAL

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